(c) and (d) It has been observed that the investment by the companies have so far been intentionally made in urban areas only. Private companies have been insisted upon to submit and adhere to a definite time-bound quarter-wise roll out plan for clearing the backlog of missed targets expeditiously. There will not be any dilution in their committed obligations under the licence agreements.

Backlog of Telephones in Madhya Pradesh

4605. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephones connections which are lying pending in the OYT/NON-OYT category in each Telecom Division of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) since when these are lying pending; and

(c) what action are afoot to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There are no applicants for telephone connections pending in OYT category in Madhya Pradesh (as on 31-3-2000). Details of number of applicants pending in NON-OYT category are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) Total waiting list as on 31-3-2000 in MP circle is 40534. Majority of the waiting list is of less than one year period. However, there are some cases pending for longer duration due to technical reasons.

(c) Action is being taken to augment exchange capacity and external plant of all the exchanges and backlog is likely to be cleared by the end of March, 2001 subject to the availability of equipment.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of SSA	No. of applications lying pending in NON-OYT category (including pending OBs) as on 31-3-2000.
1	2	3
1.	Bastar	385
2.	Betul	252
3.	Bhopal	2351
4.	Bilaspur	2218
5.	Chhatarpur	1259
6.	Chhindawara	434
7.	Damoh	0
8.	Dewas	616
9.	Dhar	641
10.	Durg	687
11.	Guna	181
12.	Gwalior	711
13.	Hoshangabad	1510
14.	Indore	3302
15.	Jhabua	235
16.	Khandawa	354
17.	Khargone	100
18.	Mandsaur	2733
19.	Morena	1911
20.	Narsinghpur	644
21.	Raigarh	661
22.	Raisen	52

1	2	3
23.	Rajgarh	44
24.	Sarguja	1354
25.	Seoni	64
26.	Shahdol	539
27.	Shivpuri	455
28.	Balaghat	31
29.	Jabalpur	4512
30.	Mandla	478
31.	Panna	60
32.	Raipur	1796
33.	Ratlam	1594
34.	Rewa	2038
35.	Sagar	2159
36.	Satna	763
37.	Shajapur	72
38.	Sidhi	964
39.	Ujjain	1897
40.	Vidisha	477

Expansion of Telecom Services in Rajasthan

4606. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have been benefited most by the telecommunication revolution;

(b) the States which are at the bottom in this respect;

(c) whether it is a fact that the State of Rajasthan has been neglected in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in the matter?

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